

**Revised Organizational Charter  
Interagency Task Force  
(Levee and Environmental Restoration Projects)**

1. Authority: The original Charter, dated June 3, 1997 and established under the authority of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)/Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) memorandum dated February 18, 1997; Subject: Floodplain Management and Procedures for Evaluation and Review of Levee and Associated Restoration Projects, is hereby revised based on verbal guidance provided at a meeting with OMB/CEQ on October 8, 1997.
  2. Purpose: The purpose of this revised Charter is to extend the current life of the Interagency Task Force (ITF). The mission and objectives remain in force. Additional focus will address new flood damage impacts (such as resulting from an El Nino), expenditure of additional Federal funding under PL 84-99, and coordination of activities associated with the comprehensive study efforts relative to the floodplain management program in California.
  3. Goals: The previous goals of the ITF remain in place with item d through f added:
    - a. Ensure continued coordination and collaboration with all agencies relative authorities and programs, alternatives for vulnerability reduction, including permanent evacuation of floodprone areas, flood warning, creation of additional natural and artificial storage, adequately sized and maintained levees, and environmental restoration and ecosystem management alternative.
    - b. Complete its work to assure that non-traditional components are considered and implemented.
    - c. Not deny any party access to existing programs for levee repair and associated restoration, that is in accord with sound financial and environmental practices, nor create unnecessary or avoidable delays.
    - d. Establish liaison with the Executive Committee for the comprehensive Sacramento – San Joaquin River Basin Studies. The Executive Committee, composed of the Corps of Engineers, the State of California (Reclamation Board and Department of Water Resources), and other agencies participating in the study, will oversee the comprehensive study process and provide a link to other efforts under CALFED, the Governor's FPM Task Force, and other agency authorities.
    - e. Pursue other funding mechanisms with OMB/CEQ relative to comprehensive study efforts beyond the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins (which are being studied with existing authorities of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers). These additional funding mechanisms would provide for further participation of the State of California and other Federal agencies.
    - f. Develop, implement and maintain an effective Public Outreach Program.
  4. Applicability: This revised Charter is applicable to those agencies identified as active participants and serves as the authority to meet and act on flood plain management matters.
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5. Period: *The requirement for the continuation of the ITF is indefinite and will depend on the continued need to examine and evaluate non-traditional alternatives for repair and restoration of flood damaged levees, associated systems, and environmental restoration projects.*

6. References:

- a. *OMB/CEQ Memorandum, February 18, 1997, Subject: Floodplain Management and Procedures for Evaluation and Review of Levee and Associated Restoration Projects.*
- b. *Executive Order 11988, May 24, 1977.*
- c. *Organizational Charter, Interagency Task Force, June 3, 1997.*

7. Direction and Control: *The ITF works under the leadership of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Pacific Division.*

8. Membership:

- a. *The ITF will include senior member representatives from each involved Federal agency. The ITF will include the participation of appropriate State and local agencies.*
- b. *The South Pacific Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will chair the ITF by designation of a Special Program Manager. Other Federal member representatives may include: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Interior (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Geological Survey), Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Agriculture (Natural Resources Conservation Service), Department of Commerce (National Marine Fisheries Service and the Economic Development Administration), Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Transportation and the U.S. Small Business Administration*
- c. *Representatives from Native American Tribes, as appropriate to location of proposed projects.*
- d. *State member representatives for California will include the California Resources Agency, Department of Water Resources, The Reclamation Board, and other agencies as appropriate. Representatives from Nevada and Oregon will participate when required to address those cases where rivers cross state boundaries.*
- e. *Representatives from the CALFED Bay-Delta program will participate.*

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9. Funding: Federal agencies will fund participation for their representatives. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will provide space requirements, communications, and automation needs, administrative support, etc., for the ITF Staff until the Disaster Field Office for FEMA-1155-DR-CA closes. Funding provisions for activities after the DFO closes will be provided through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or through funding secured by OMB. Future funding relative to a new disaster declaration will be through the Mission Assignment process and include GIS requirements.

10. Administration:

- a. Chair or ITF Staff Chief is responsible for announcing meetings and preparation of a summary of each meeting.
- b. Paragraph 9 provides details for funding administrative support. Should the DFO close prior to completion of administrative activities under the ITF, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will assume responsibility.
- c. The ITF will meet as requested, by any agency, to review proposals for repair, and restoration of flood damaged levees and associated systems for a decision on applicability of non-traditional alternatives. Periodic meetings to discuss procedural activities and/or processes will convene as necessary. These meetings may include activities related to short and long term flood plain management issues. The use of electronic reporting and commenting will expedite the review process.
- d. The Chair will facilitate each meeting in a manner to promote all member representatives to actively participate.
- e. The ITF staff will continue to provide CALFED a copy of all final reports for review and comment in order to appropriately address activities being conducted by CALFED. The CALFED representative to the ITF reports on the activities of the ITF to the CALFED Management Team.

11. Procedures:

- a. The procedures established under the original charter for reviewing final project reports remain in place, except that additional review time will be provided. The ITF staff will continue to facilitate the process.
- b. Resolution of issues that impact National floodplain management policy discussed in the references identified in paragraph 6.a. and 6.b. will be identified by the Executive Committee and addressed to OMB/CEQ through the established ITF.
- c. Monthly reports will be prepared by the ITF staff. Each member agency shall receive the ITF monthly report for its use and may include it in any agency reports. The monthly reports furnished OMB will include, but not be limited to information on applications received, comments received, actions taken, and dollars spent. Further, the report will address activities relative to the comprehensive long term studies.

12. This Charter is adopted by the undersigned as written by the following active participants:

  
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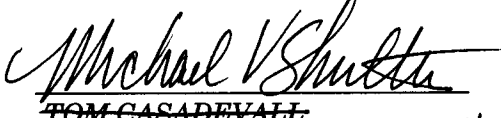
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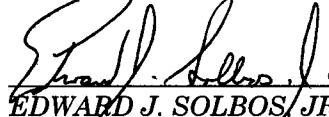
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